

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿವಾಳ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಅಂಥ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಗಳಿಗೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎಸ್. ಪುಟ್ಟಣ್ಣ.—ಅಂಥ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ತಮ್ಮ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ತಂದರೆ ತಾವು ನೂತ್ನ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕಡಿವಾಳ ಮಂಜಪ್ಪ.—ಬಂದಿತವಾಗಿ ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

### Construction of bridge across Gundi-halla on Hosadurga-Hiriyur Road.

\*Q.—151. Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA (Hosadurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is not a fact that an estimate has been prepared to construct a bridge across Gundi Halla on Hosadurga-Hiriyur Road ;

(b) the stage at which the work stands now ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Public Works and Electricity).—

(a) An estimate has been prepared.

(b) It is under scrutiny.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is it not a fact that the Government had replied to me that an estimate had been prepared in June 1957 ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—Yes, Sir.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is the preparation of estimate going on for past two years ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—I will explain the position. An estimate for a high-level canal was prepared in 1957 for Rs. 26,000. It was under scrutiny and was being revised. In the meanwhile, the Superintending Engineer visited the spot and thought it would serve the purpose better if instead of a high-level canal, a bridge is constructed. Therefore an estimate for a bridge has been prepared.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is it not a fact that whenever Government want to take up certain works immediately, they issue strict instructions and get the estimates, etc., prepared quickly and in other places they delay things ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—It is not so, Sir.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Was not the estimate for a high-level canal prepared by technical men ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—My friend may know that there are several officers. There are Executive Engineers, Superintending Engineers and Chief Engineers to supervise these works and give better advice wherever necessary. The Executive Engineer in the first instance thought that a high-level canal would be suitable, but subsequently it was revised and it was thought that it would be desirable to have a bridge instead. This is going to cost 1 lakh and 10 thousand rupees and my friend must congratulate Government.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Will the Government take immediate steps in this matter in view of the hardships caused to the cattle in this area ?

Sri M. N. NAGHNOOR.—The Minister for Public Works has recently visited the spot and has given instructions to call for tenders for the said work.

### Measures to bring down the prices of foodgrains.

\*Q.—160. Sri F. H. MOHSIN (Hubli City).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the high prices of foodgrains in the Hubli City ;

(b) the steps taken by them to bring down the prices of foodgrains especially jowar ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the State is growing sufficient jowar to meet our requirements ;

(d) if so, the reasons for the scarcity and soaring prices ?

A.—Sri K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(a) Yes. The prices of foodgrains, particularly rice which soared up about June 1956, have remained more or less at the same level except for slight seasonal and local fluctuations not only in Hubli City but all over the State ;